

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation

**TOPIC:** Funding for Ebola Research

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 23 October 2014, page 36)

**QUESTION No.:** SI-20

**CHAIR:** Any dedicated funding on Ebola?

**Dr Clark:** Yes, we have dedicated researchers working on Ebola.

**CHAIR:** And funding?

**Dr Clark:** Yes, we have dedicated—

**Senator KIM CARR:** How much is that on Ebola?

**Dr Clark:** I can provide that on notice. We have both our dedicated funding and external funding.

**Senator KIM CARR:** How many people do you have working in the Ebola team?

**Dr Clark:** In terms of emerging infectious diseases and diseases that come from animals, and diseases that are similar to Ebola, I am happy to provide all of the people that we have working on that on notice.

**ANSWER**

CSIRO's most recent work on Ebola commenced in early 2014, following the awarding of a Julius Award to CSIRO researcher Dr Glenn Marsh. Dr Marsh is a senior virologist based at the Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL) in Geelong who has elected to use this award to focus on Ebola. The award is valued at \$50,000 a year for three years.

Dr Marsh's work is supplemented by a team of five scientific researchers (virologists, immunologists and a veterinary pathologist) and six technical staff working on emerging pathogens including the Hendra and Nipah viruses, with capability to also work on Ebola.